



— State of —
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2007-13

WHEREAS, I John Hoeven, Governor of the State of North Dakota, by the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim an emergency for the Northwood North Dakota area and other impacted areas of eastern North Dakota due to storm activity on August 26, 2007; and

WHEREAS, a tornado resulted in one confirmed death and multiple injuries in the city of Northwood, Grand Forks County; and

WHEREAS, the tornado caused extensive damage in Northwood including the destruction of homes, businesses and city facilities, as well as the city's power infrastructure;

WHEREAS, storm activity produced large hail, torrential rainfall and high winds throughout eastern North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, storm activity resulted in severe crop and structure damage as well as the necessity for widespread debris removal efforts; and

NOW THEREFORE, I order total utilization of the North Dakota State Emergency Operations Plan, its procedures, attachments and appendices, to respond to the situation, assist local and tribal officials, alleviate hardships, and implement appropriate recovery actions and future mitigation measures to limit the hardships and impact of this disaster, and facilitate restoration of services and infrastructure.

This order is issued upon the following basis and for the following reasons:

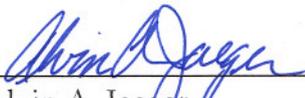
1. The Governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1, of the North Dakota Constitution.
2. The Governor is vested with statutory authority to issue executive orders, minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency pursuant to Chapter 37-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code.
3. A coordinated and effective effort of appropriate government departments is required to minimize the impact of emergencies and disasters in this state.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 27th day of August, 2007.



John Hoeven
Governor

ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State

Deputy